03040201-120

(Pee Dee River)

General Description

Watershed 03040201-120 is located in Dillon, Marion, and Florence Counties and consists primarily of the *Pee Dee River* and its tributaries from Black Creek to Jeffries Creek. The watershed occupies 84,341 acres of the Upper and Lower Coastal Plain regions of South Carolina. The predominant soil types consist of an association of the Cantey-Chastain-Persanti series. The erodibility of the soil (K) averages 0.28; the slope of the terrain averages 2%, with a range of 0-6%. Land use/land cover in the watershed includes: 33.1% forested wetland (swamp), 29.6% forested land, 25.0% scrub/shrub land, 9.5% agricultural land, 2.4% water, and 0.4% urban land.

This segment of the Pee Dee River accepts drainage from its upper reaches together with Brownsville Swamp, Schoolhouse Branch (Alford Branch, Back Swamp), Mill Creek, Tobys Creek (Poccosin Swamp, Gum Swamp, Cud Swamp, Ellerbe Bay, Agnay Swamp), Muddy Gut (Buckley Creek), and Bachelor Creek. The Pee Dee River flows through the Great Pee Dee River Swamp throughout the watershed. There are a few recreational ponds (totaling 113.7 acres) and a total of 107.5 stream miles in this watershed, all classified FW.

Water Quality

Station #	<u>Type</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
PD-337	P	FW	PEE DEE RIVER AT US 301/76

Pee Dee River (PD-337) - Aquatic life uses are not supported due to occurrences of chromium in excess of the aquatic life acute standards, including very high concentrations of chromium measured in 1995 and 1998. In addition, there was a significant decreasing trend in dissolved oxygen and a high concentration of copper measured in 1998. A significant decreasing trend in five-day biochemical oxygen demand suggests improving conditions for this parameter. Recreational uses are fully supported and a significant decreasing trend in fecal coliform bacteria concentration suggests improving conditions for this parameter.

A fish consumption advisory has been issued by the Department for mercury and includes the Pee Dee River within this watershed (see advisory p. 115).

NPDES Program

Active NPDES Facilities

RECEIVING STREAM
FACILITY NAME
PERMITTED FLOW @ PIPE (MGD)

COMMENT

PEE DEE RIVER SC0045462

CITY OF FLORENCE/PEE DEE RIVER PLANT

PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 15.0 WATER QUALITY

PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 18.0 (PROPOSED)

WATER QUALITY

PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 20.0 (PROPOSED)

WATER QUALITY

NPDES#

LIMITATION

TYPE

WQL FOR DO,NH3N,BOD5

PEE DEE RIVER SC0046230

CITY OF MARION/S. MAIN ST. WWTP
PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 5.0

MAJOR DOMESTIC
WATER QUALITY

WQL FOR DO

PEE DEE RIVER SC0002917

E.I. DUPONT/FLORENCE PLANT
PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 16.57

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL
WATER QUALITY

WQL FOR DO

PEE DEE RIVER SC0000876

STONE CONTAINER CORP.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL
PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 17.1

WATER QUALITY

WQL FOR DO

Nonpoint Source Management Program

Land Disposal Activities

Landfill Facilities

LANDFILL NAME PERMIT #
FACILITY TYPE STATUS

STONE CONTAINER CORP. 213310-1601 (213310-1602, IWP-049, INDUSTRIAL IWP-187, IWP-187, IWP-187)

Land Application Sites

LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM

FACILITY NAME

ND#

TYPE

SPRAYFIELD ND0002534
INTERNATIONAL PAPER, INC./MARION INDUSTRIAL

SPRAYFIELD ND0065315
TOWN OF SELLERS DOMESTIC

Mining Activities

MINING COMPANY PERMIT #
MINE NAME MINERAL

WILLIS CONSTRUCTION CO. 0517-41
WILLIS CONSTRUCTION MINE #2 SAND/CLAY

Water Supply

WATER USER (TYPE) STREAM	REGULATED CAPACITY (MGD) PUMPING CAPACITY (MGD)	
E.I. DUPONT (I) PEE DEE RIVER	28.8	
STONE CONTAINER CORP. (I) PEE DEE RIVER	14.4	

Growth Potential

There is a low potential for growth in this watershed, which contains the Town of Sellers and the community of Pee Dee. U.S. Hwys. 76/301, a four-laned corridor to the Grand Strand, crosses the watershed at Pee Dee and runs from the City of Florence to the City of Marion and on to Myrtle Beach. U.S. Hwy. 301 is two-laned from Pee Dee north to Sellers, and is not scheduled for widening in the near future. The City of Marion has an interconnection with the City of Mullins, which may increase growth along the U.S. Hwy. 76 corridor between Marion and Mullins. There is rural water service available from the Marion County Rural Water Company to approximately 30% of the watershed. The only sewer service is limited to the Town of Sellers, which is not capable of extending service unless the system is improved.